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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Nixon et al.

Appln. No.: 10/693,425

Filed: October 24, 2003

For: BORON CARBIDE BASED CERAMIC  
MATRIX COMPOSITES

Attorney Docket No: 4865/133 (202WB036)

Examiner: Group, Karl E.

Art Unit: 1755

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

## Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in Duplicate); and Response (7 pps.)  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

## Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ Small Entity.  
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
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					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total		Minus			x \$25=			x \$50=	
Indep.		Minus			x 100=			x \$200=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

## Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 5/7/07  
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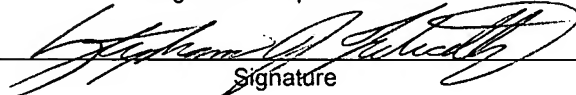


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## RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2007, please reconsider the claims in light of the following.

**Listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.